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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all regions. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to occasionally very good, best where featured. Supplies were sufficient to available for immediate needs. Breaking stock demand was light for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for next week were reported as normal to less than normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were usually light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Many breakers worked to full-fill regular commitments at this call. Schedules somewhat increased for next week and varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-70	65-67
LARGE	61-69	63-67
MEDIUM	48-54	51-54

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

LARGE	46-50
MEDIUM	31-35
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were generally sufficient for the mostly light demand. Breaking schedules were mixed for next week. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the light to moderate at best demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal to less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand moderate to good with feature activity providing the best activity. Food service movement moderate to good, especially into winter resident or vacation areas. Supplies of all sizes generally adequate to in close balance.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-79
LARGE	68-77
MEDIUM	53-62

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was light for generally sufficient offerings. Light type hens were at least adequate for the light to moderate at best demand. Slaughter schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal to reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66.25-77	70-73
LARGE	64.25-75	68-71
MEDIUM	51.5-59	52-56

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	62-66

**CHICAGO EGGS** Prices on all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to occasionally fairly good with scattered feature activity. Supplies are generally adequate to available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	69-75
LARGE	67-73
MEDIUM	52-58

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**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 66. Ads in Southern California: major-large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets-extra large dozen 69-99, buy 1 get 1 free, 20 pack 149-179, large dozen 99.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	86

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	93-103
EXTRA LARGE	91-95
LARGE	89-92
MEDIUM	73-76

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	209-219
MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices remain unchanged.

Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Many breakers worked to fulfill regular commitments at this call. Schedules somewhat increased for next week and varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	38-41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-32
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light with offerings generally sufficient from regular commitments. Breaking schedules were reported as mostly normal to less than normal operations. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01 March 2003 were 11 percent higher than the previous week and 1 percent more than a year ago.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-40	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-29.75	23-27
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 01-Mar-03**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,081,456	27,512	9,276	4,894	1,927	4,093
PW	1,072,373	26,564	9,555	5,234	2,254	3,971
LY	1,109,377	26,321	10,833	5,755	2,623	3,984
% CHG PW	1	4	-3	-6	-15	3
% CHG LY	-3	5	-14	-15	-27	3

2003	10,047,075	238,518	94,095	52,007	24,106	37,435
2002	10,084,548	226,482	103,409	55,008	27,170	36,879
% CHANGE YTD	0	5	-9	-6	-11	+2

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	42.33	42.27	42.27
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	38.54	38.56	38.68

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk ranged 56 to 60.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was generally steady for whole egg, steady to about steady for yolk and steady to fully steady for whites. Whole egg demand continued to improve and was rated as fair to fairly good. Demand for whites had leveled off and was seen as moderate to good. Yolk demand was fair at best. Offerings were tight for whole egg and whites and adequate to fully adequate for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 07 March, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	31-34	32.18	-
WHITES	11	23-28.5	24.27	.54
YOLKS	10	54.5-57	56.35	.10

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were higher on whites, unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged on sugar yolks, but unchanged to lower on salt yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone remained firm on whites, generally steady on whole, and about steady on yolks. Trading was moderate on whole eggs and sugar yolks, but still limited on whites. Offerings were in close balance to adequate on most items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01 March 2003 were 15% more than the previous week, and 1% more than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	39-48	43-47	51-55
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		63-80
WHITES	30-40	34-38	39-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-77	70-73	77-87
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-73	66-69	73-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg and salt yolk ranged unchanged with whites and sugar yolk pricing irregular when compared to last weeks reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites, and mostly steady for frozen sugar and salt yolk. Offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate for all frozen products. Demand was light to at times moderate. Breaking stock prices were slightly higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	43-48	44-45
WHITES	35-39	35-36
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74	72-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-70	66-69

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/1 was 4% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT  
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	39-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were sharply higher on albumen, unchanged on blends, irregular on whole, and lower on yolks when compared to last week's trading. Trading ranged light to moderate with offerings of albumen limited, yolks fully adequate, and whole egg sufficient. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, steady on whole and steady to firm on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 01 March 2003 were 15% less than the previous week, and 27% lower than a year ago. Total year to date dried egg produced was 11% less than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.57-1.95	MOSTLY 1.65-1.80
YOLKS	1.60-2.05	MOSTLY 1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.25-2.95	MOSTLY 2.40-2.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.26-1.45	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 28, 2003-MAR 06, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
126.75								73.75								200.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		LOADS
GNR W 1	50.00	51.93		50.63	56.94		54.93	—	54.00	GNR W 1	55.67	56.96	—	—	—	58.22	22.00						
GNR W 2	—	—		—	54.00		—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	91.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GNR BR 1	62.00	—		—	65.00		—	95.00	2.00	GL W J	61.00	—	—	—	68.00	69.50	11.00						
GL W J	—	66.00		—	—		58.48	—	9.25	GL W XL	60.00	—	—	64.00	67.00	67.96	19.00						
GL W XL	—	61.78		64.25	65.40		56.17	—	40.50	GL W LG	74.80	57.57	—	—	66.00	66.06	33.50						
GL W LG	64.00	64.00		64.30	65.86		56.64	60.50	81.50	GL W MD	46.60	48.67	—	52.50	49.60	52.46	18.50						
GL W MD	—	49.00		44.50	46.43		42.78	43.75	25.50	GL W SM	26.00	28.50	—	—	—	33.00	2.00						
GL W SM	30.50	33.00		30.50	32.00		27.00	—	4.00	GL BR XL	97.00	—	—	—	—	105.00	.50						
GL BR XL	—	—		—	107.00		—	—	1.25	GL BR LG	97.00	—	—	—	—	105.00	.50						
GL BR LG	—	—		—	107.00		—	—	1.50														
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	39.00		37.00	40.70	30.25														
NRBS - 39	—	—		23.50	25.00		—	29.25	8.50														

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal values were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate. Demand ranged light to moderate at best. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were mostly about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal values ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were usually adequate to occasionally tight with demand light to instances good. Opinions of value on removal costs were generally steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values were too few to report. The volume of light fowl available for recovery was fully adequate. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were on an as needed basis. Costs of disposal were viewed as near unchanged.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-8 (1)	3-6
No. Central Light	0-6 (1)	2-4
So. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	

(1) Removal Cost (2) AT FARM  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Mar-03  
FEDERAL-STATE AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS,  
GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.50	73.00	56.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	54.00
MIDWEST	66.00	65.00	52.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	74.50	72.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	71.52	70.11	55.13
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS			

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on light canners; unchanged on heavies. Demand ranged fair to good with very light trading on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to tight and clearing. The undertone was fully steady on light canners; at least steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 22-23	30.5-35 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22.5-26.5 MAJORITY 24.5-25	31-37 MAJORITY 33-34

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules ranged moderate to full. Offerings reduced in some quarters by END quarantines.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** WEEK 01-MAR-03  
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

THOUSANDS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,686	1,296	2,982
LAST WEEK	1,534	1,450	2,984
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,705	1,341	3,046
TO-DATE/2003	14,783	12,160	26,943
TO-DATE/2002	16,260	11,466	27,726

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA			
THOUSANDS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	240	0	240
LAST WEEK	347	3	350
SAME WEEK YR AGO	298	0	298
TO-DATE/2003	3,102	50	3,152
TO-DATE/2002	3,253	20	3,273

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA			
THOUSANDS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,926	1,296	3,222
LAST WEEK	1,881	1,453	3,334
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,003	1,341	3,344
TO-DATE/2003	17,885	12,210	30,095
TO-DATE/2002	19,513	11,486	30,999

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 22, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003 2002
Liquid	102	399	1,566 2,441
Frozen	0	0	0 0
Dried	0	0	84 50
Total	102	399	1,650 2,491

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 22, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003 2002
Liquid	72	69	1,109 838
Frozen	47	39	416 515
Dried	40	40	40 396
Total	159	148	1,565 1,749

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 22, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003 2002
Jumbo	0	33	0 33
Extra Large	0	30	150 639
Large	1,188	800	3,973 11,851
Medium	1,495	1,451	4,174 6,596
Ungraded	0	0	1,470 0
Misc	12	1,538	12 3,404
Total	2,695	3,852	9,779 22,523

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**EGG PRODUCTS****Shell Eggs Broken Up Slightly**

Shell eggs broken totaled 154 million dozen during January 2003, up slightly from January a year ago.

January 2003 contained 23 weekdays, four Saturdays and two holidays, the same as January 2002.

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 03/03/03		2,772	174,509	68,879
AM 02/02/03		1,717	155,703	76,443
CHG		1055	18806	-7564
PCT CHG		61%	12%	-10%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	15	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	436	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	729	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 01-Mar-2003

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.4	21.9	7	2
BOSTON	3.4	3.3	3	-8
CHICAGO	55.2	51.8	7	24
DETROIT	26.7	34.4	-22	-3
KANSAS CITY	4.9	4.4	11	29
LOS ANGELES	83.6	88.1	-5	-24
NEW ORLEANS	14.0	14.2	-1	56
NEW YORK	36.5	34.4	6	9
ST. LOUIS	15.8	14.8	7	-12
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	22.6	2	0
TOTAL	286.5	289.9	-1	-8
4 WK MVG AVG	288.1			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 01-Mar-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	216.7	-2	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	546.5	2	1
W.N. CENTRAL	279.2	4	-7
S. ATLANTIC	197.1	1	-4
S. CENTRAL	98.8	-1	12
WEST	185.2	1	-2
TOTAL	1523.5	1	-2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	85

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

04-Mar-2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	129	120	92	53
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	122-126	113-117	84-88	46-50
MOSTLY	124-125	115-116	86-87	48-49
RHODE ISLAND	128-132	119-123	91-95	52-56
MOSTLY	128	119	91	52
VERMONT	130-132	120-123	89-95	-
MOSTLY	132	123	95	-

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